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The Bishop William Taylor Bible and Mace, as well as the Taylor University Presidential Medallion - each is a symbol of the trust placed in President Haines by the Board of Trustees of Taylor University, and the weight of the responsibility that comes with the office.

The Bible is symbolic of Taylor's historic reliance on the Word of God. The mace - one of the Bishop's old walking sticks - is symbolic of the authority that comes with the office of President as well as the call to servant leadership. And the Presidential Medallion is a unifying link with the 30 Presidents who came before President Haines.



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Founded in 1846, Taylor University is one of America's oldest Christian liberal arts colleges. Over 2,000 graduate and undergraduate students from 42 states and 30 foreign countries attend Taylor, where majors in 64 fields of study are available. Taylor University is the number two school in the Midwest region in the *US News & World Report* survey, *America's Best Colleges*. Taylor has been ranked in the region's top three for 21 consecutive years.

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SACRED WORDS

In an event filled with many sacred moments, for me, the most poignant of all of them came when our newly-inaugurated President, Lowell Haines '75, knelt in prayer and three former Presidents of Taylor University, Jay Kesler '58, David Gyertson and Gene Habecker '68, as well as his wife Sherry (Korfmacher '76), gathered around him to lay their hands on him and pray for him.

In 31 years of service here, it is only the fourth time I have participated in a presidential inauguration at Taylor. That, in and of itself, might be one reason I continue to be amazed at the elegance and stateliness of this rare event. Yet, I believe there is a deeper, more eternal reason a Taylor inauguration is such a sacred rite.

During the ceremony, President Haines was entrusted with several symbols of the Taylor presidency. Among them were a walking stick used by Bishop William Taylor and the Bishop's own Bible. The temptation is to wonder what adventures that Bible has seen in its lifetime, having been used by the Bishop during his travels throughout Africa and Asia and then being handed down through generations of the Bishop's family.

The reality is this - the Bible that each of us owns (in some cases, the many versions of the Bible that each of us owns) is its own adventure story. In it, we learn how God created the world and everything in it. From there, we learn how

humankind rebelled against God's great love and plan. The Bible continues with the account of Jesus, the Son of Man, who lived the life none of us could ever live to make us right before God. And from there the Bible lays out how we are called to live as followers of Jesus of Nazareth.

As President Haines said in his inaugural address, the truths of that sacred book have shaped generations of Taylor students, faculty, staff and alumni. And in the years to come, our prayer, great desire, and intent is that it will always be so.

As you read this issue of *Taylor*, we hope you will sense the ongoing work of God in this place - because of those sacred words. May we continue to live according to those words in faithful, joyful obedience.

In hope,



James R. Garringer H'15
Editor

Undergraduate Teaching, Value Contribute to High Taylor Rankings

TAYLOR UNIVERSITY IS RANKED SECOND IN ONE CATEGORY AND FIRST IN ANOTHER IN THE NEWEST *U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT SURVEY, AMERICA'S BEST COLLEGES*. TAYLOR IS RANKED NUMBER TWO IN THE MIDWEST IN THE CATEGORY *BEST REGIONAL COLLEGES*, AND NUMBER ONE IN MIDWEST REGION OF THE *U.S. NEWS COMPANION SURVEY, BEST UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING*.

Although the number two ranking followed 10 straight years during which Taylor was ranked the number one school in the Midwest, it also marked the 21st consecutive year for Taylor to be listed in the region's top three. Criteria employed by *U.S. News* include graduation and retention rates, peer assessment of excellence, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, graduation rate performance, and alumni giving.

Among the Midwest's *Best Regional Colleges*, Taylor ranked first in freshman retention rate, and second for graduation rate and the ability to attract freshmen from the top 25% of their high school class. The *Best Undergraduate Teaching* survey recognizes institutions' commitment to undergraduate teaching as recognized by peer institutions.

"All of us at Taylor University are grateful for this latest *U.S. News* ranking and the recognition of the outstanding work being done by our students, faculty and

staff," said Taylor President Paul Lowell Haines '75, EdD, JD. "Being the top Midwest school to be recognized for its commitment to undergraduate teaching is a significant recognition of Taylor's educational mission and the excellence of our world class faculty."


Taylor was also ranked two other *U.S. News* lists that recognized highest number of international students and the best value.

The *U.S. News* best value ranking was the second such ranking for Taylor this year. *Money Magazine's* college survey *Best Colleges For Your Money* ranked Taylor in the upper 28 percent of 711 public and private colleges and universities that made the list. Among fellow private colleges in Indiana and CCCU (Council for Christian Colleges and Universities) schools, the ranking was good for fourth place.

Best Colleges For Your Money weighed students' SAT/ACT average scores, the

price they pay, the numbers of students receiving financial aid or merit grants, and the average income for graduates in the early portion of their career.

"This ranking by *Money Magazine* recognizes both the investment in potential and results realized by Taylor University students and is yet another validation of the value of a Taylor degree," said Stephen Mortland '85, Taylor's Vice President for Enrollment Management and Marketing.

"There are a number of college surveys that attempt to measure the breadth and value of the college experience," he added. "In each one, whether it is a measurement of retention and graduation rates, the numbers of incoming freshmen from the top percentage of their respective classes, the social impact they make, or the broad scope of international travel and study opportunities provided to our students, Taylor University continues to excel, regardless of the criteria." 



RECORD CROWDS ATTEND HOMECOMING AND FAMILY WEEKEND

More than 3,000 Taylor alumni, parents, family members and friends attended Taylor University's Homecoming and Family Weekend Oct. 6-8.

It marked the second year Taylor has held a combined event for alumni, parents and family members. This year's Homecoming and Parents and Family Weekend featured numerous special events ranging from reunions, a 5k race, alumni bike ride, and presidential receptions to athletic events, a cardboard boat regatta on Taylor Lake, and a first-of-its kind concert on the lawn at Bond Plaza featuring Grammy-nominated band NEEDTOBREATHE.

NEEDTOBREATHE's concert was in connection with the dedication of Bond Plaza, named in memory of the late Taylor student Billy Bond '85, and was sponsored by the Bond Family Foundation. It was the first major event to be held in the Plaza.

Additionally, the Homecoming Class of '67 presented the largest-ever class gift to Taylor during the Friday chapel hour - \$6,804,719 dollars.

The Taylor Alumni Association honored six alumni with special awards:

DICK GYGI '67, Legion of Honor

RICH HONIG '80, Distinguished Service Alumnus

JOHN MOLINEUX '02, Distinguished Service Alumnus

JANA (WEIR '96) MURPHY, Roselyn G. Kerlin Women in Leadership

CHANT THOMPSON '75, Distinguished Service Alumnus

DR. SKIP TRUDEAU, Honorary Alumnus

The Taylor University Athletic Department also inducted three new members into its Hall of Fame. The 2016 inductees include:


FELIPE BEDON '11, Men's Tennis 2007-2011

KELSEY (PRITCHARD '12) BAWEL, Volleyball 2008-2012

MICHAEL KRAYNAK '10, Baseball 2006-2010

An all-campus worship service in the Rediger Chapel/Auditorium concluded the weekend's schedule of events. The featured speaker was Dan Wolgemuth, 1977 Taylor alumnus and president of Youth For Christ USA. 

The cardboard boat regatta on Taylor Lake is a perennial family favorite during Homecoming and Family Weekend.



REV. THADDEUS C. READE, A.M. D.D. L.L.D.
PRESIDENT OF TAYLOR UNIVERSITY 1891-1902

One of several stained glass windows from the Upland United Methodist Church.

NEW USE FOR A BELOVED UPLAND LANDMARK

There is a stained glass window on the east side of the sanctuary of the Upland United Methodist Church that bears the inscription, "Rev. Thaddeus C. Reade A.M., D.D., L.L.D., President of Taylor University 1891-1902. Presented by the Faculty, Students and Friends."

That window is one of many symbols of the longtime connection between the church and Taylor University that predate the congregation's current 114-year-old facility. For generations of Upland residents and Taylor students, faculty and staff, the Upland United Methodist Church has been a central part of life. The church's small sanctuary has seen countless baptisms and funerals, weddings and family reunions involving not only Taylor community members, but the larger Upland community.

Taylor University officials have entered into an agreement to purchase the historic building later this year when the congregation moves to its new home in the former Pierce Governor factory on Eighth St.


Taylor will receive the building and property for \$1.00, said Upland UMC Senior Pastor Rob Neel and Taylor University Special Assistant to the President Ron Sutherland '82. The main portion of the building containing the sanctuary and basement was built in 1903. An addition in 1965 added classroom space and offices. Sutherland said the needed renovations of the space will be contingent on identifying the final purposes for the space and then identifying funding sources.

For Taylor President Lowell Haines '75, the goal is to create a place that will continue to benefit the community. "Taylor University is excited to partner with the Upland Methodist Church to find creative ways to use this historic space for the benefit of the Town and the University," Haines said.

The Upland UMC congregation's new home will be the former Pierce Governor Factory on 8th St. According to Neel, the new facility's nearly 160,000 square feet is a more than ten-fold increase over the current 13,700 square feet in the existing building.

"This is an exciting time for Upland United Methodist Church and its ongoing ministry partnership with Taylor University as we work together to impact our community for God's kingdom," said Neel. "We are looking forward to the new and dynamic changes taking place in Upland, Indiana."

Sutherland said that Taylor officials are considering a number of ideas but will continue to gather input from the community and Taylor faculty, staff, and other stakeholders before making a final decision about the building.


HE INVITED THOSE WITH IDEAS FOR USE OF THE CHURCH BUILDING TO CONTACT HIM BY EMAIL (RNSUTHERL@TAYLOR.EDU) AND/OR BY PHONE AT 765-998-5118. 


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 [@MchenneyDaniel](#) I just saw someone walk into the DC and give a little happy dance. I assumed it's because there was bacon. #bacon #qualityfood #TaylorU

 [@CaptainCarlton2](#) My Grandpa will have attended 329 Taylor football games this Saturday since he played for TU in the 50's. WOW! #legend #TaylorU


 [@kristenmiya](#) Today my prof said George Clooney's face proportions follow the Fibonacci golden ratio. If that isn't flourishing then idk what is. #TaylorU

 [@annastreed](#) Last night I witnessed a girl walking around campus in the dark while using a flashlight to read her Bible #justtaylorthings #TaylorU

 [@_Blake1ee_](#) You know the chapel music was great when you walk around campus singing it for the rest of the day. #TaylorU

 [@peytonnill](#) "At state school everyone was from Indiana. At Taylor I meet people from weird places like New Jersey" – Jay Kesler, Gift to Mankind #TaylorU



 [@settles_deborah](#) "Deborah I sure do like your college" me too dad me too #TaylorU

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Faculty Contributions Include Research, Presentations, Award-Winning Films

DR. DAWN ANDERSON

(**KINESIOLOGY**) published a book chapter, *Beneficial Roles of Caffeine in Sport Nutrition and Beverage Formulations* in the newly-published reference book, *Sustained Energy for Enhanced Human Functions and Activity*.

DR. BOB ARONSON (PUBLIC HEALTH)

participated in a ten-day workshop with Christ's Hope International in Namibia. He provided assistance in monitoring and evaluation of programs for staff in Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, DRC, Swaziland, South Africa, and Namibia.

JOHN BRUNER (FILM AND MEDIA PRODUCTION)

served as executive producer for two films that were nominated for Crystal Pillar Awards, which are presented by the Lower Great Lakes Emmy organization. *The Kings and Rest of Your Life* were nominated, with *Rest of Your Life* winning the award.

DR. JEREMY CASE '87

(**MATHEMATICS**) was elected president of the Association of Christians in the Mathematical Sciences. He also completed editing a differential equations workbook to accompany a textbook.

DR. JODY HIRSCHY (BUSINESS) attended The Council of Independent Colleges Workshop for Department and Division Chairs May 23-25 in Kansas City, Mo., which focused on both strategies and practical approaches for strategic leadership in challenging times. Additionally, she attended the ACBSP National Conference June 23 - 26, 2017, in Anaheim, Calif., and represented the Taylor University Business Department at the Accreditation Banquet and Celebration.

DR. EVA KWAN (MUSIC, THEATRE, AND DANCE) presented a workshop session, Handbells and Handchimes in Your Music Curriculum, at ASPMER 2017 (The Asia-Pacific Symposium for Music Education Research 2017), Malacca, Malaysia.

DR. LORNE MOOK '87 (ENGLISH) presented Outer Standing-Points: Varieties of Exile in Early Poems of Dante Gabriel Rossetti at a North American Victorian Studies Association conference in Florence, Italy. He also examined items belonging to Lord Byron at the Biblioteca Classense in Ravenna, Italy; and visited sites connected to Virgil, Ovid, Dante, Wordsworth, Byron, Percy Bysshe Shelley, Robert Browning, and Rilke.

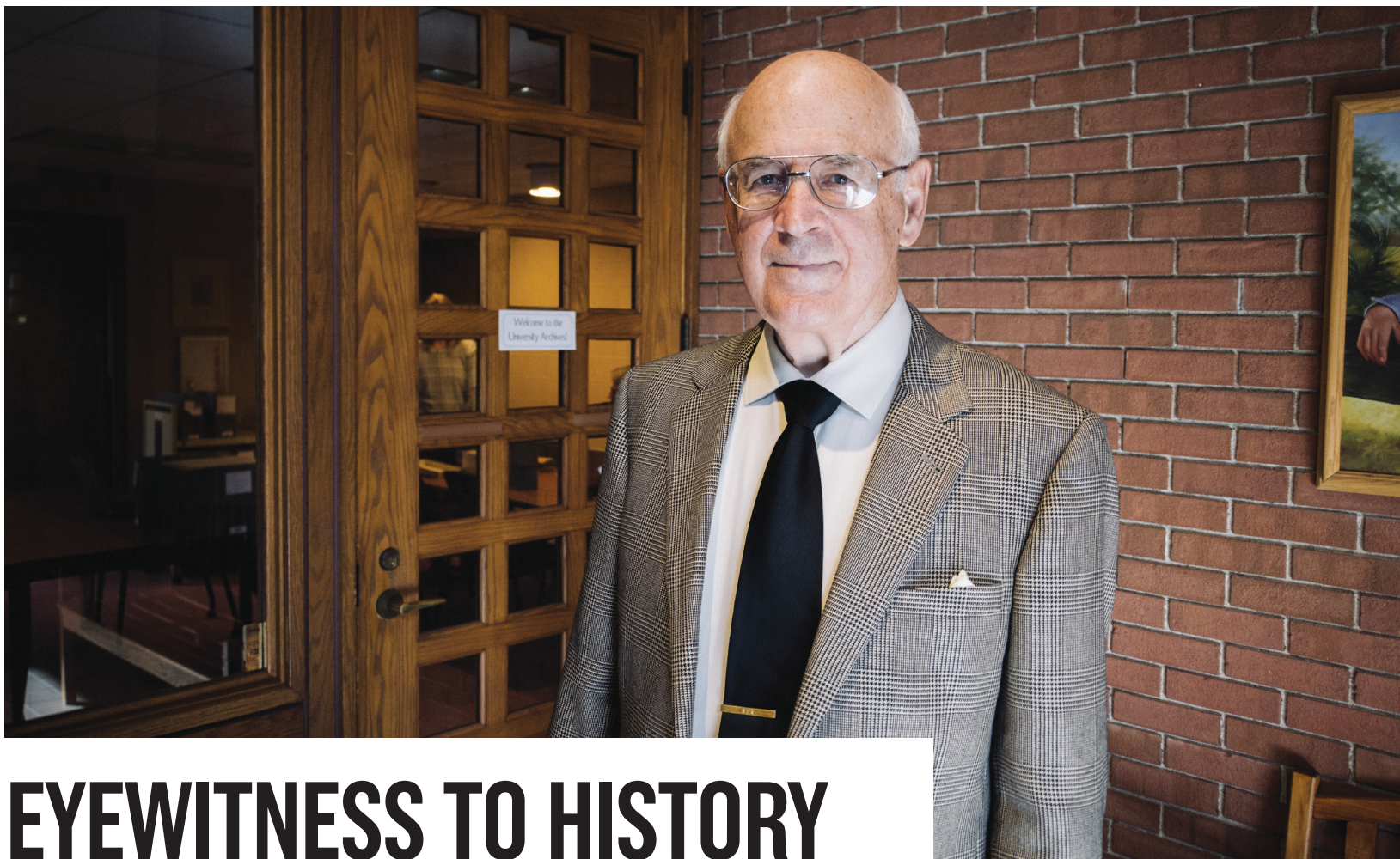
DR. JOE RICKE (ENGLISH/DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF CS LEWIS AND FRIENDS) presented a paper on medieval dramatic representations of the biblical story of the prophet Balaam and his prophetic donkey for the International Medieval Congress, held at the University of Leeds (Leeds, UK). He also organized two sessions on CS Lewis and the Middle Ages

for the International Congress of Medieval Studies at the University of Western Michigan (Kalamazoo, Mich.).

DR. JEFF SHERLOCK (BUSINESS) completed a year-long sabbatical in Xi'an, China, where he developed a network of academic and ministry contacts in preparation for a pilot semester study abroad program option in Xi'an in 2018-2019.

DR. RACHEL SMITH (ART) was co-organizer of the symposium *A Strange Place Still? Religion in Contemporary Art* in New York in February for the Association of Scholars of Christianity in the History of Art (ASCHA) and was elected to a five-year term as President of ASCHA. She also published the article *Still Mending: South Africa* and the exhibition *Between the Shadow & the Light* in the *Image Journal* #92 in May.

DR. CINDY (PEARSON '76) TYNER attended a teaching conference at Stranmillis University College, Belfast, Northern Ireland, in June entitled Christianity and Culture. She also visited three local schools in Belfast to obtain information for possible future practicum and student teaching placements.



EYEWITNESS TO HISTORY

As a student living in Morris Hall in January 1960, Bill Ringenberg '61 was one of hundreds of people who watched as a devastating fire destroyed Taylor University's beloved landmark H. Maria Wright Hall. During his distinguished faculty tenure in Taylor's History Department, Ringenberg mentored hundreds of future historians and history teachers, and served with past Taylor presidents including Drs. Milo A. Rediger '39, Jay Kesler '58, and Gene Habecker '68. And as an author, Ringenberg researched and drafted two thorough chronicles of Taylor's history with his books, *Taylor University: The First 125 Years*, and *Taylor University: The First 150 Years*.

The Professor Emeritus of history was honored this fall when Taylor University's Board of Trustees named the Taylor University Archives, located in the Zondervan Library, the William C. Ringenberg Archives and Special Collections.

The idea originated with Ashley (Black '07) Chu, whose first encounter with Ringenberg was when she was a student and read his book, *Letters to Young Scholars*, in 2004. In her role as Taylor's

University Archivist, she works more closely than most with Ringenberg, who, as a historian, is a frequent visitor as he conducts research on Taylor's history.


"It was never a question whose name should appear on a place where the heritage of Taylor University resides," she said. "The Taylor University Archives was named in honor of Dr. Ringenberg due to his distinctive service to the institution; his deep Christian faith; his commitment to exploring and documenting Taylor's heritage; and the lasting contribution he has made to his alma mater, its students, and to the larger Christian community."

"It was a surprise, obviously; I was never thinking of anything like that," Ringenberg said. "You always appreciate when people appreciate your work. I was appreciative, surprised, and a little bit humbled."

Ringenberg was honored during an intimate banquet in August that included a number of colleagues and friends with whom he and his wife

Becky have built their lives, not only on campus, but in the Upland community.

"One of the best things that Taylor does, maybe the thing that makes Taylor stand out among Christian colleges - Taylor stands out for the way community, a sense of commonness, has existed here," he said. "It's hard to find, and I know historians are supposed to be able to trace these things ... One thing we receive very high marks on is when a student comes here, they want to stay here all four years. That ethos, that sense of community at Taylor, stands out."

"Somehow this has got to be related to the fruits of the Spirit - it doesn't automatically happen in Christianity - some are known more for what they are crusading against. Taylor is more of a positive place," he said. "Becky and I have stayed here for 50 years, and that is the ultimate testimony. I can't think of anything else I would rather have been doing." 

EVERY MAN A TROJAN

Seventy years of touchdowns, tackles, and timeouts – the Taylor football program marked its 70th anniversary in 2017. From the original team, coached by Taylor's legendary basketball coach Don Odle, to this year's edition of the Trojans, coached by Ron Korfmacher, the team's motto #EMAT/Every Man a Trojan speaks of the brotherhood shared by every player who has worn the purple and gold.



From left: Felipe Bedon, Kelsey (Pritchard) Bawel and Michael Kraynak following their inductions into the Taylor Athletic Hall of Fame.

HALL OF FAME INDUCTS THREE

The Taylor University Athletic Department inducted three members into its Hall of Fame during the 2017 Homecoming and Family Weekend celebration.

The class included Felipe Bedon '11, Michael Kraynak '10, and Kelsey (Pritchard) '12) Bawel.

Bedon was a dominant tennis player who posted a 129-40 record for the Trojans, leading Taylor to a 47-19 overall and 26-3 Mid-Central Conference (MCC, now Crossroads League) records. He also was a key piece of the program's 16th conference championship in 2007. Bedon was a four-time All-MCC selection, and his career highlights included being named an NAIA Honorable Mention All-American as a senior, two conference No. 1 singles championships, one MCC doubles title, and a seventh-place finish at the ITA Small College National Championships after claiming the ITA Midwest Regional Championship.

Kraynak excelled as both a hitter and pitcher for Taylor's baseball team and is

one of the most decorated players in the program's history. As a junior and senior, he played a central role as Taylor won two conference championships, made back-to-back trips to the NAIA National Tournament for the first time in program history, and posted back-to-back 38-win seasons - establishing a program record. Kraynak was named NAIA Honorable Mention All-American, MCC Player of the Year, and an MCC Gold Glove winner in both seasons, and was named Taylor's Gates Howard Award recipient his senior year. He finished his Taylor baseball career as the program's all-time hits (273) and saves (16) leader.

Bawel was a front line player for Taylor's volleyball team and led the Trojans to 135-32 overall and 49-1 league records, four MCC Championships, and three NAIA National Tournament appearances during her career. She was a three-time NAIA

All-American, a two-time MCC Player of the Year, and a two-time Natalie Steele Award winner - which is given to Taylor's top female athlete. Bawel ranks third in Taylor volleyball history with 2,310 career kills and is the program's career points leader since the start of rally scoring with 2,492.5. In addition to the on-court dominance, Bawel was named a CoSIDA First-Team Academic All-American following her senior season.

Rounding out athletic recognitions for Homecoming and Family Weekend were Taylor men's tennis teams of 1965 through 1969 and the Taylor men's golf teams of 1976 and 1977. Additionally, George Glass '58, longtime Taylor track coach, athletic director, and Taylor administrator, as well as a 1977 Athletic Hall of Fame inductee, was honored with the Taylor University Presidential Medallion. 



NO HIGHER STANDARD

Board member and alumna Karen Thomas leads the prayer as Sherry Haines, Jay Kesler, David Gyertson and Gene Habecker pray for President Lowell Haines.



It was a sacred moment as three past presidents of Taylor University, Drs. Jay Kesler '58, David Gyertson, and Eugene Habecker '68, as well as Sherry (Korfmacher '76) Haines, gathered around Taylor's newly-inaugurated President, Paul Lowell Haines '75. Haines knelt and the four laid their hands on his shoulders for a prayer of consecration that was led by Taylor alumna and Board of Trustees member Karen (Muselman '87) Thomas.

The moment was one of many highlights experienced during the inauguration and official installation of President Paul Lowell Haines '75, EdD, JD. The event, attended by a crowd of nearly 2,000 students, faculty and staff members, special guests, and delegates from numerous colleges and universities throughout the United States, was filled with pageantry and music and punctuated with prayer.

"It is not without a significant dose of humility, and a bit of incredulity and awe, that I accept this challenge to serve as this institution's 31st president," Haines said. "For me, this is not just a job, or just another challenge to overcome. For me this is a privilege beyond belief, an undeserved honor to preserve, protect, and further the purposes of an institution that has been an essential part of the foundation upon which my own life has been built."

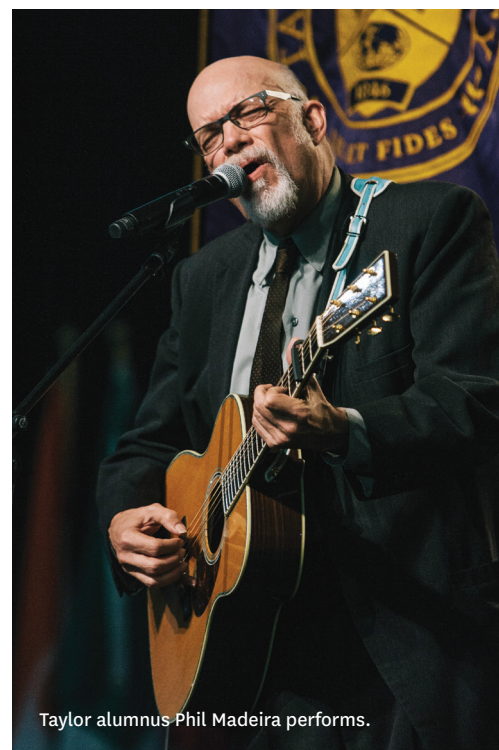


President Haines holds the Bishop William Taylor Mace.

The ceremony was one of a number of planned events surrounding Haines' inauguration. The events began Wednesday when Steve Poe, the Haines' pastor and lead pastor at Northview Church in Indianapolis, was awarded an honorary doctorate during the chapel hour. On Thursday, an outdoor concert was held in Bond Plaza, adjacent to the LaRita Boren Campus Center, that featured the Haines Brothers band of Lowell and his brothers Doug '79 and Terry '80. The trio has made music together for more than 40 years and was joined by Taylor friends and classmates Phil Madeira '76, Martin Price '76, Alan Moore '75, Alex Moir '75, Jim Needler '75, and Tim Herrmann '75.

Following the installation, the activities continued with an academic colloquium and reception before concluding Friday evening when renowned recording artist Steve Amerson '76 joined the Marion Philharmonic Orchestra on the stage of the Rediger Chapel/ Auditorium for an inaugural celebration concert.

"The inauguration of a president on any college campus is an event of significance that reaches well beyond the person who is vested with the office of president," said Haines. "More importantly, it is a celebration of the history, heritage, people, educational mission, and, in Taylor's case, religious purposes, that are essential to the life of the institution of higher learning.



Taylor alumnus Phil Madeira performs.



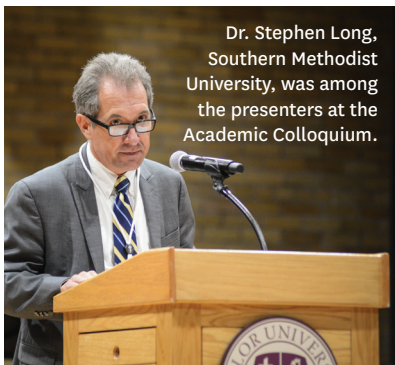
Flanked by his wife Sherry, Lowell Haines is administered the oath of office.



“From the time my wife, Sherry, and I solemnly accepted the call to serve as Taylor’s President and First Lady, we have looked forward to this celebration with a deep sense of purpose, humility, gratitude, and awe, and certainly, an urgent reliance on God,” Haines continued.

In addition to his Taylor degree, Haines has earned a Doctor of Education Degree from the University of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania); a Doctor of Jurisprudence from the Maurer School of Law at Indiana University (Bloomington, Indiana) (Cum Laude); and a Master of Arts from Ball State University (Muncie, Indiana).

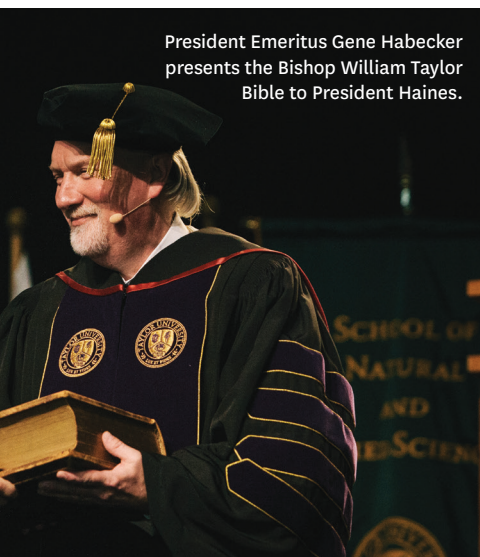
Dr. Stephen Long, Southern Methodist University, was among the presenters at the Academic Colloquium.



Haines served the first 10 years of his professional career at Taylor, first as a residence hall director (1977-80), later as Director of Student Programs (1980-83), Dean of Students (1983-85), and finally as Vice President for Student Development (1985-87). He left Taylor in 1987 to attend law school.

Prior to returning to Taylor, Haines has served as partner at one of the nation’s largest law firms, Indianapolis-based Faegre Baker Daniels, where he served dozens of colleges and universities across the country, along with churches and faith-based organizations, private foundations, museums, and many other nonprofit organizations.

President Emeritus Gene Habecker presents the Bishop William Taylor Bible to President Haines.



IT IS NOT WITHOUT A SIGNIFICANT DOSE OF HUMILITY, AND A BIT OF INCREDULITY AND AWE, THAT I ACCEPT THIS CHALLENGE TO SERVE AS THIS INSTITUTION’S 31ST PRESIDENT.

Delegates prepare to enter the
KSAC for Inauguration.



President Haines is joined by members of his doctoral cohort from the University of Pennsylvania.

**I AM QUICKLY
REMINDED
THAT EACH
OF US IS IN
A CONSTANT
STATE OF
PREPARATION
FOR WHAT GOD
HAS FOR US
NEXT.**

The Haines Brothers and friends reunited for an evening concert at Bond Plaza.



During Haines' inaugural address, he shared how, as a student, it was at Taylor University where his faith grew and matured and that he was challenged to excel at all he attempted for the glory of God. From there, he outlined a number of challenges facing institutions of higher learning today and Christ-centered universities such as Taylor University in particular.

"I am quickly reminded that each of us is in a constant state of preparation for what God has for us next. And like the story of old in the Book of Esther, maybe, just maybe, God has prepared us, and even Sherry and me, 'for such a time as this,'" he said.

"Most of my higher education colleagues here would agree that we live in very difficult days, (and) that higher education generally is under assault as never before, as evidenced by the commoditization of the higher education experience; the declining interest in and support for the liberal arts; the exponentially increasing and persistent financial pressures and demands; the unaffordability and inaccessibility of today's college education; expanding government regulation and intervention; public disengagement, criticism, and declining support; media misrepresentations; changing demographics; and an increasing inability to argue successfully the value proposition," Haines said.



The Taylor Chorale performs.

There is no higher standard, and we will give our all to achieve it. We will march forward in confidence that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will provide our every need ...

“The Christian college, once the foundation of American higher education, is not immune to these significant concerns,” he added. “Indeed, for it, the rapidly changing landscapes and environments that exist today also include meeting head-on, changing cultural norms and evolving legal authority that, at times, are inconsistent or conflict with the faith-based mandates to which it subscribes, and the deeply held religious beliefs to which it is subject.”

Haines then outlined a series of strategies Taylor University will implement to address those challenges – strategies that include faithfulness to Taylor’s mission and historic biblical teachings; the same relentless pursuit of excellence, institutionally and individually, that he was challenged with as a student; engagement with the culture; and nurturing and challenging future generations of Taylor students to grow in their faith – all of these characterized by continued reliance on God.

“There is no higher standard, and we will give our all to achieve it,” he said. “We will march forward in confidence that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will provide our every need, that we have a calling to reach a defiant and desperate world through Christian higher education, and that higher education that recognizes the importance of the Christian faith is the highest of callings.”

“The task before us is clear,” Haines concluded. “The challenge ahead? Frankly, overwhelming. The standard to which we are held accountable? The highest. The effort required? All we have to give. The commitment and dedication demanded? Complete. And the ultimate result of our effort ... certain.” ■





Connor Angell leads singing
during Inauguration.





Head, Heart and Soul:

the Purpose of Liberal Arts

During our annual Academic Convocation, three faculty from different scholarly disciplines shared their unique perspectives on the value of a Christian liberal arts education. We are delighted to reproduce their insights in this issue of the Taylor Magazine. Before reading the article it might be helpful to revisit the question: what is a Christian liberal arts education? Far too many individuals – including many politicians, journalists and business leaders – mistakenly believe that a liberal arts education is a course of study insisting on considerable breadth, resistant to specific vocational preparation, and leading to a BA degree in a field of study deemed to belong to the traditional arts and science disciplines. This most certainly is not what we mean by Christian liberal arts at Taylor University! The liberating arts are emphasized throughout every discipline; they are supremely practical for this life and for eternity, and they are all about student learning outcomes. The chief end of a Christian liberal arts education is know God intimately, become like Christ inwardly, and serve Him obediently. It is the best formal education philosophy to meet these goals because it emphasizes: 1) the cultivation of Christian intellectual virtues, 2) the cultivation of Christ-like character, and 3) the cultivation of servant leader attitudes and skills. Each faculty member in every discipline is committed to using his or her gifts, abilities and expertise to foster the integration of faith, mind, body, and spirit of each and every student. Our prayer as you consider each of these excellent presentations is that you, too, will see and appreciate the breadth of the liberal arts, and their all-encompassing nature reflected in each part of Taylor's academic and co-curricular ministry.

DR. JEFFREY A. MOSHIER SERVES AS PROVOST FOR TAYLOR UNIVERSITY.

ENTERING THE EXPERIENCES OF OTHERS

BY TRACY (TOBEY '92) MANNING, MANAGING AND ARTISTIC DIRECTOR OF THEATRE

"All truth is God's truth." I believe it was the very first chapel I attended as a Taylor freshman when I heard Dr. Jay Kesler '58 share that quote from St. Augustine. Over the course of the next four years, and seemingly over the course of my life, I have wrestled with the truth of this statement and what it means for me as an artist, a scholar, and a Christian.

Traditional views found in the writings of St. Augustine support the idea that all Christian scholarship by its very nature incorporates faith, regardless of the subject matter. In *On Christian Doctrine*, St. Augustine explicitly states that, "all good and true Christians should understand that truth, wherever they may find it, belongs to their Lord." If this is true and if we believe it, Christians should actively seek to discover the truth in all aspects of scholar-

ship and actively seek to challenge, improve upon, discard, or replace faulty assumptions or untruths of the past. St. Augustine's implied philosophy in *On Christian Doctrine* is that Christians and those who do not embrace the faith alike can discover truth, and since all truth is God's truth, then truth discovered by anyone is redeemed because of the very nature of truth.



As a student, Tracy Manning's life was impacted by her mentor, Dr. Ollie Hubbard.

I am a product of Taylor University, of Drs. Jay Kesler '58, Ollie Hubbard, Jessica Rousselow, Dale Jackson, Barbara Dickey, Win Corduan, Phil Kroeker, Roger Jenkinson '60, and so many others who invested in me during my years at Taylor. My philosophies also found growth and maturation during my master's work at Indiana University. I bring all of that with me to my work at Taylor and in the Mitchell Theatre where I spend most of my waking hours. I believe that an education in theatre is an opportunity for students to engage with culture. I believe that it can provide a safe place to explore what is true

about ourselves, others, and the world. We challenge each other to look beyond the text to find the "accidental" truth that resides in it, the truth that belongs to God, no matter where I find it or how uncomfortable it makes me. I call it "accidental" because many playwrights do not share my biblical worldview.

Arthur Miller, Tennessee Williams, or David Mamet do not mean to give credence to a biblical worldview or a Christian ethic when they write plays, but they do give credence to the human search for truth. These playwrights and I share the awareness of the weaknesses within the human condition and their exploration of these weaknesses provides an avenue wherein I can explore and evaluate the whys of my condition. They speak

to truths within their scripts that we can agree about, and it becomes my responsibility as an artist who is believer to use the lens of my faith to explore those truths and to point other people toward them. This is what I feel I must teach students to do – approach even the most secular work through eyes of faith. My faith demands an expanded view of art that challenges me, and subsequently my students, to be part of important conversations that are happening all over the world.

My predecessor and mentor Dr. Ollie Hubbard taught me that theatre



Three years ago, Tracy Manning shaved her head to enter into the story of a woman dying from cancer and show solidarity with a stricken colleague.

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is not meant to be only an avenue for diversionary entertainment, or merely a tool to propagate our beliefs. Theatre is an arena wherein one's world view can be tested in the human experience which can be found within a script. Art, particularly the art of theatre, challenges us to come face-to-face with all dimensions of human experience, even that which may repulse us, make us queasy, or offend our spiritual sensibilities. The reward is a preparedness to engage in the discourse and have something to contribute to the public square. People are talking and we must ask ourselves if we have anything to say.

In the 1990 *Ilium*, Dr. Hubbard was asked to sum up his view of theatre at Taylor. I quote it here because I believe what he taught me is true and I long to continue to teach to others.

I view theatre as fitting squarely at the focal point of what a liberal arts education is all about. If anything focuses the liberal arts, any single endeavor on campus, it is a production. We enter into other peoples' experiences and expand our horizons because we have been able to enter other peoples' world, look through their eyes, go places, and experience things vicariously that are outside of our scope of normal experience. And not just in the way it would happen in a literature classroom,

or in a history course, or anywhere else in the liberal arts context. This is actual experience – an actual imagined experience. You were there. You wore the clothes; you learned how it felt to move within environments that were historically different from your own. You knew what it was like to express yourself within those other historical contexts. You entered into the literature in a way that you can't enter it sitting in a classroom: from the inside out you became, you incarnated, you spoke. The educational dimension of that, the potential of that, is just vast.

That is why I choose plays like *Clybourne Park*, *Rabbit Hole*, *Streetcar Named Desire*, *When the Rain Stops Falling*, *Proof*, and *A Piece of My Heart*. These plays and others like them allow us to delve into history, sociology, psychology, theology, mathematics, communications, literature, and so much more. The exploration of what it means to be human, which is at the heart of the liberal arts, is what we are ALWAYS exploring in the theatre. Theatre creates an environment where engagement in the liberal arts is the status quo, where conversation can happen, where experience lies in the suspension of disbelief and where the realities of the human condition are before our very eyes, living and breathing. ■



A TIME- HONORED PROFESSION

BY ERIC HERNANDEZ, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ACCOUNTING



IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT, OUR LIVES ARE DRIVEN BY LISTS.

In the words of Italian novelist and intellectual Umberto Eco, “We Like lists because we don’t want to die.” If you think about it, our lives are driven by lists.

- Medical records
- Bank accounts
- Online transactions
- Grade transcripts

All of these lists with numbers are meant to ascribe rights and obligations, and those that have a monetary implication are the realm of accountants.

I am an accountant myself, and I can tell you that lists and accounting records are not a modern construct; they are as old as humanity itself. If you don’t believe me, spend some time in the book of Numbers! I was recently at the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago. They had little clay tablets from around the time and place of Abraham with inscriptions on them. They were receipts for cattle. We accountants were there from the beginning of recorded civilization!

Dr. Eric Hernandez lectures during a class session.

Accountants are all around you; every time you pay for something or buy something you rely on accounting principles. Even Matthew, a tax collector (and an accountant), was chosen by Jesus as one of His 12 closest disciples! Jesus Himself used financial concepts in His parables as analogies to the Kingdom of Heaven because He knew people would understand this financial language: a valuable pearl, a lost coin, a manager who renders a financial account empty of returns, and even a budgeting analogy when asking His followers to measure the cost of discipleship in Luke 14.

Fast forward from biblical times to the 15th Century. When I think of the liberal arts, I think of the Renaissance (painters, sculptures, poetry) and accountants were there, too, relying on the liberal arts and contributing to them.

Europeans traded on the Silk Road, in the Americas and eventually down the coast of Africa into the Indian Ocean and the South Pacific, and the whole time were there keeping records. But how do the traders' business associates and their bankers know these records and lists are true? (Truth: there is a liberal arts concept!). One of Leonardo Da Vinci's associates in northern Italy, Luca Pacioli, a rock star in my world, was a Franciscan monk who saw mathematics as God's language. He pulled it all together with a simple algebraic equation that summarized any economic entity and its dealings. From today's multinational corporations, such as GM or Apple, to small mom-and-pop cafés, and of course the ventures of local Venetians trading down the Silk Road, this mathematical equation even describes your relationship to your home and your bank.

Assets = Liability + Equity.

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The derivation of it is as monumental to human history as $E=MC^2$. And for the first time we have consistency. We are able to understand each other's financial records. Because with the universality of math, we are all speaking the same financial language. And through that the auditing profession is born, which helps keep the world ethical by providing independent reviews of financial records and provides a concrete base for trust.

It is impossible to overstate the impact of trust in our human endeavors. Every human institution depends on it. Without trust, we don't have

families, churches, or governments. We remain isolated from each other.

Trust in what we do is so important that in 2014 Pope Francis charged members of the accounting profession to be a positive force in the fight against fraud

and corruption. We take this very seriously.

The Pope also charged us with making, "choices in favor of the social and economic wellness of humanity as a whole." We also take this seriously. Besides tracking dollars, management accountants keep metrics that help fulfill the mission of every organization. A movement has also developed toward sustainability reporting which seeks to track areas that include not just financial capital, but also our intellectual, human, social, relationship, manufactured, and natural capitals.

The question is, are we giving more than we are taking? It is much more than just the dollars, and this is good. It is stewardship. Trust through accountability is the point.




As we look forward, with technologies such as blockchain, predictive analytics and artificial intelligence, which are poised to redefine the way humans operate and see themselves, we have so many problems and opportunities in front of us.

Steve Jobs (co-founder of Apple) once said, “You can’t connect the dots looking forward. You can only connect them looking backward.” Accountants spend a lot of time thinking about the future. Indeed we start with the past to build forecasts, business plans, to help shape that future. The future doesn’t need to happen to us; we can play a role in shaping it together.

Collaboration is a big part of it, and we have experience collaborating, contributing, and bringing structure to disorder. Collaboration requires liberal arts skills like psychology, communication, critical thinking, continuous learning, and creativity. Even accounting rules themselves are in fact built collaboratively by thousands of accountants collaborating with engineers, lawyers, entrepreneurs, and government officials.

Accountants are not afraid of the future. We have already played an active role in the technology era. Some of the early applications for mass computing were indeed accounting and business applications. So, we were there from the start of civilization, we were there in the time of Christ, we were there in the Renaissance, we were there in the industrial and computing revolutions, and we remain here today.

I will finish with the second portion of that Steve Jobs’ quote: “So you have to trust that the dots will somehow connect in your future. You have to trust in something - your gut, destiny, life, karma, whatever.” As Christ followers, we recognize the ultimate Person in Whom we must place our trust is God. And so we do that. But we will also benefit from the work of my fellow accountants as they leverage liberal arts principles for millennia in the past and, Lord willing, the future. 

ENRICHED, EQUIPPED, AND GROWING

DR. TRICIA STAN, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF CHEMISTRY

I have always considered myself blessed in the fact that while God gave me gifts as a scientist, He has also used my liberal arts education to enrich my life and to better prepare me for the challenges of life that have and will come.

During our lives, our experiences will be wide and varied. For some of us, those experiences include starting a business, travel, and uprooting our families for new opportunities. For many, those experiences will include saying farewell to friends and family, and coping with seasons of grief and loss. In a practical sense, we might

help a friend write their resume, read instructions on a prescription container, or even navigate with an actual map - after all, you could lose or break your smart phone.

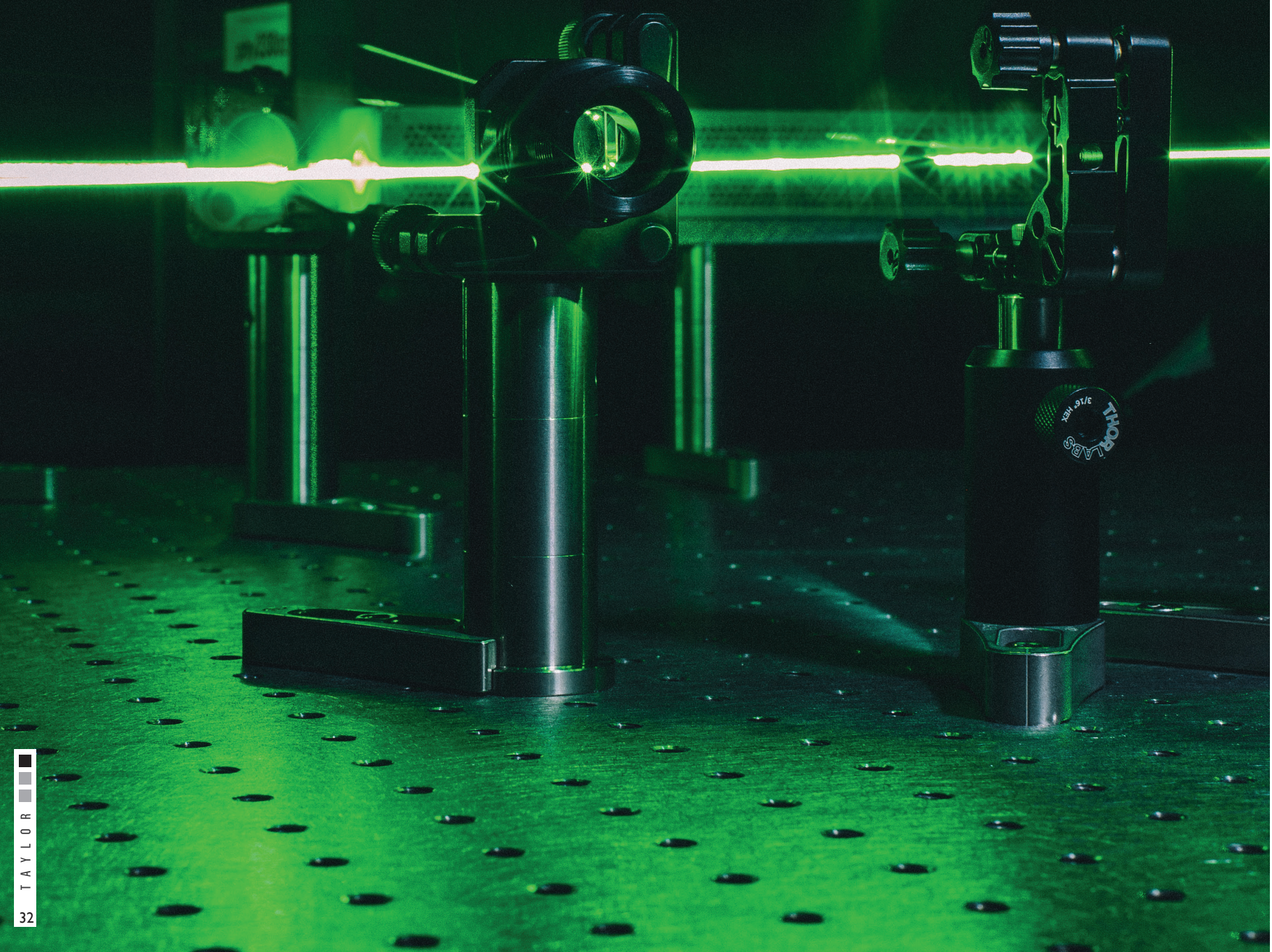
My degrees in chemistry have equipped me for a number of endeavors, but my liberal arts education touches on nearly every facet of my life in some way. Although I may not remember every bit of information gleaned from a college course taken years ago, experiencing those other disciplines has allowed me to find and use knowledge needed beyond my profession.

Dr. Tricia Stan says her liberal arts background touches each facet of her life.





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For instance, I love museums and have been able to visit a number of them across the country and around the world. In part, my required art and history undergraduate classes sparked an interest in art and history and caused me to want to learn even more. When a soccer trip took my husband and me to Italy, I had remembered the name of one of Italy's great artists, Sandro Botticelli, who had lived in Florence, and so we visited the Uffizi museum, where I was able to see the works *Birth of Venus* and *Primavera* in person. A side note: it was a soccer trip, and my husband is a soccer coach, so it is also a good thing I did not ignore athletics as part of my liberal arts education. But it was my learning in liberal arts classes that encouraged my interest in art and history, and those interests have become the source of cherished memories and have enriched my life.

Other classes like Bible, communications, and psychology have been important in seasons of grief and hardship. What words do I say to a sister whose husband has a rare form of cancer? How do I help her through the loss of the one she held most dear? No, I do not have the answer to those questions, but understanding something about how people grieve and the character of our God, Who allows heartbreak

and yet loves us through it, has helped me be there in ways that allow healing. While I may not be able to name specific details from some of those classes, they engendered in me a life's direction and put me on a path that led to growth and helped me flourish – both in my life and my walk with the Lord.

My 16-year-old nephew works for my brother whose hobby is restoring cars. I had tried to get this nephew to talk to me before, but I am a middle-aged female and a college professor, so to a 16-year-old boy I am about the most boring person on the planet, although he is far too polite to say so. I decided to ask him what a universal joint looks like so I can understand how power from the engine (where the chemistry of combustion happens) is transferred and leads to the turning of the wheels. I got several sentences in answer, so I considered it a success. But the next day he surprised me with a phone call. He only had a learner's permit and needed a licensed driver to be in the car with him as he drove it so he could diagnose a rattle. I was able to get the whole tour of the garage, and then he put a car up on the lift to show me what I wanted to see – the universal joint. I had never seen him talk so much. The point is, when we know enough about what interests someone else, they

light up and like being with us and want to know something about us. It leads to a relationship. I get that connection with others by knowing enough about other subjects to take an active interest, ask questions, and understand what another is telling me. God can use these connections to open the door for relationships and spiritual conversations, which is our real calling as Christians.

This works with adults as well. Last year, I was having some old mercury amalgam fillings in my teeth replaced, and so I found an article on fillings in my American Chemical Society journal and gave it to my dentist. He shared with me the newest things in the dentistry world. He was excited to talk with someone who had some understanding of and interest in what he did and what was important to him. I am waiting to see how God uses this one.

Those are just a few of the reasons I encourage my students to take the time to appreciate those other classes and then use them to build relationships that will allow God to use them in the lives of others. It is one of the most exciting, rewarding, and eternally useful things a person can do. [T](#)



A PRAYER FOR STRENGTH, WISDOM, OBEDIENCE, INSIGHT, AND HUMILITY

BY LINDA K. TAYLOR

The setting was the Taylor University Board of Trustees meeting in May 2017. As the men and women who make up the board gathered around their newly-named Chair, Paige (Comstock '77) Cunningham, fellow board member Karen (Muselman '87) Thomas prayed a prayer of blessing and asked God to give her friend attributes evident in five women in the Bible. She prayed that Cunningham might be blessed with the strength of Deborah, the wisdom of Esther, the obedience of Mary, the financial and professional insight of Lydia, and the humility of Mary Magdalene.

Cunningham is the second woman to occupy the chairperson's role for the Taylor board, and her appointment came just weeks after the passing of Taylor's first female board chair, Grace Roselyn (Rosie) (Baugh '55) Kerlin.



CUNNINGHAM IS THE SECOND WOMAN
TO OCCUPY THE CHAIRPERSON'S ROLE
FOR THE TAYLOR BOARD.

She and her husband Jay '77 celebrated both their 40th Taylor class reunion and their 40th anniversary this year. They met in an Intro to Computing class and were married New Year's Eve during their senior year. Today, the couple has three children and five grandchildren. (Their daughter Kelsey graduated from Taylor in 2007.) "God gave me the perfect husband who has been my number one cheerleader and supporter in all the public roles I've been called to," she says. "I married my best friend, but today I see how much deeper 'best friend' goes."

In addition to her degree from Taylor, she holds a JD from Northwestern University Law School, a MA in Bioethics from Trinity International University, and a PhD in Educational Studies from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School.

As executive director of The Center for Bioethics & Human Dignity in Deerfield, Illinois (cbhd.org), Cunningham will tell you a typical week might include a radio interview on a recent biomedical or biotech study; writing a column for *Dignitas* (a quarterly publication of the Center); phone calls to potential speakers for an educational event; teaching two bioethics courses in the Master's program at Trinity Graduate School; doing new student orientation on sexual harassment (she is the Title IX coordinator for Trinity); updating donors on the Center's monthly activities; plus squeezing in professional reading to stay on top of her field.

In the 40 years since she crisscrossed Taylor's campus as a student, she has seen positive changes, noting Taylor's intentional community and vibrant spiritual life are both different and better. The ethos of friendliness and the familiarity of a small campus are the same, and the commitment to academic

excellence was strong then, but is reinforced in so many fresh ways today.

However, she also sees that while the student body makeup is changing, it isn't changing as rapidly as she would like. "Coming to Upland is intimidating for students of color or who grew up in vastly different settings," she says. "We want to continue to joyfully seek them, welcome them, be vulnerable with them, learn from them, and all of us together become the new 'we' (not 'us' and 'them') that reflects the beautiful mosaic of the body of Christ."

As she takes on her new leadership responsibilities for the board, key issues for the upcoming year include working alongside President Lowell Haines '75 and Vice Chair Chris Goeglein '84 to increase the board's connections with students and faculty (such as attending classes) and to have an intentional educational cycle that reflects the rhythms of the academic year and the three board meetings.

In addition, the board will be working closely with Haines on Taylor's long-term financial sustainability on initiatives including new programs, new delivery methods that meet the needs of 21st-century students, caring for an increasingly diverse student body, retaining students, and undertaking the most ambitious capital campaign in Taylor's history.


Cunningham says it was at Taylor where she encountered some of the "big thinkers," such as C.S. Lewis and Francis Schaeffer. In addition, to her roles at Trinity and the Center, Paige has been Past President and Board Chair of Americans United for Life, and she lectures on bioethics, public policy, reproductive ethics, abortion, and global women's health. Clearly, life is important to her. She calls her interest in bioethics a "God thing." Her initial interest in law and juvenile justice migrated to a much earlier time period: life in the womb. "I found I lacked the intellectual tools to grapple with new technologies – such as stem cell research, cloning, and human enhancement technologies," she says. She transitioned from advocacy to academics because, she says, "we need the best thinkers bringing the best arguments to bear on the worst bioethical problems, with a foundation grounded in a robust understanding of our God-given human dignity."

The Center for Bioethics & Human Dignity addresses not just abortion, but also issues of human dignity, biotechnology, organ donation, stem cell research, and end of life issues. With the increasing medicalization of all aspects of life, normal human processes, such as aging, grief, anxiety, or depression, are seen primarily as medical problems with a (usually) pharmaceutical solution. Cunningham says that too many avoid the reality of dying and death and seek to transcend our God-given limitations, finitude, and dependence upon our Creator.

All of this ties in nicely with her training at, and love for, Taylor University. While many universities have strayed from their biblically orthodox foundations and their Christian heritage and commitment, Cunningham prays that Taylor preserves its heritage, going back to Samuel Morris, whose sacrificial life inspires her.

"My faith journey has been like a river, often winding, sometimes scary white rapids, sometimes a lazy river where I pull off on the bank for a while," she says. "Sometimes the twists and turns take me backward. And every once in a while, I get a glimpse of where I've been and how Jesus has been with me all the time, even when I didn't see or sense His presence. I've grown in my love and knowledge of God, in expressiveness in worship, in walking in the life and power of the Holy Spirit, in my love for others." **T**

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► **HOMECOMING CONCERT** Grammy Award-nominated band NEEDTOBREATHE performed for an estimated crowd of 2,000 during Taylor's Homecoming and Family Weekend. The concert was held on Bond Plaza, next to the LaRita Boren Campus Center, and celebrated the official dedication of the plaza.



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1939

01 Margaret (Sluyter) Briggs celebrated her 100th birthday on Saturday, June 24, 2017, at her home in Deerfield Beach, Florida. She was joined by her children Douglas Briggs '67, Cynthia Briggs '73, and Barbara (Briggs '76) Guenther along with grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She celebrated the next day at her church, Community Presbyterian, where she and her beloved husband Arland Briggs pastored from 1952-1981.



SEE WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE LIVES OF TAYLOR ALUMNI



1952

02 Drs. Lee and Ruth (Dixon) Truman celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on an Alaskan cruise with 11 family members. It also marked 65 years since their graduations from Taylor, having married three days after graduation. Look for Ruth's eighth book in late fall: *The Professor's Obsessions*. You can also keep up with them at: www.leetruman and www.ruthtruman.

1968

03 Gary Harmon, Nelson Rediger, Glenn McCloskey, and Dick Peterson met for a golf alumni outing in Wheaton, Illinois.

1969

04 Rick Poland retired from Flagler College in St. Augustine, Fla., on August 31. Following a distinguished 25-year career in teaching and administration, he was granted professor emeritus status by the Flagler Board of Trustees.

1972

05 Marilyn (Kuhrt) Faulkner (right) reunited with her Taylor friends (from left) **Linda (Weis '74) Cooley, Evelyn (Mencke '74) Dickson, and Donna (Altmann '73) Terry** in Marco Island, Fla., in February. They say their love of music drew them together, first as staff at Camp of the Woods, and then in the band at Taylor. There were lots of stories and laughter as they looked at old yearbooks and FaceTimed with another music connection, **Harold Garnes '74**.

Bob Maxwell earned an LLM in Trial Advocacy from Temple University in Philadelphia, Pa. He was recently elected to the National Board of Trial Advocates in recognition of trying more than 100 jury trials to verdict. He continues to regionally represent automobile and truck manufacturers from his office in New Orleans.

1980

06 Glenn Harsch and his wife Melanie are living out a dream they have had since they were married 25 years ago. They have accepted jobs at the International School of Qingdao in China. Their two 8th grade children, Nena and Malee, will go with them on this ministry adventure.

07 Steve Brooks has been named Head Women's Basketball Coach at the University of St. Francis (Ill.). Steve is a longtime coach, having won two national women's championships at Indiana Wesleyan University, and his winning percentage is fifth-best in NAIA Division II. One-hundred percent of his four-year players graduated, and he led teams on eight service trips. During his tenure at IWU, Steve coached 15 NAIA All-Americans, 22 NAIA Scholar-Athletes, and 25 All-Conference players. Indiana Wesleyan also recognized him with their President's Award for Outstanding Leadership and the Athletic Director's Award. Prior to that, he served twice as Assistant Men's Basketball Coach at Taylor and seven years as the Head Men's Basketball Coach at Houghton College.



SERVANT
LEADERS
MARKED WITH A
PASSION

1982

Kayleen (Brewer) Reusser recently released her book, *They Did It for Honor: Stories of American WWII Veterans*. It contains 34 stories of men and women of every military branch, including a Pearl Harbor survivor, a prisoner of war who spent more than a year in a German POW camp, an Army Air Corps pilot who served in the Allied D-Day landings, a Marine who fought at Iwo Jima, a female Coast Guard officer who helped with code making, and more. Her book launch party was scheduled for November 4 at Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne. All of the remaining 31 veterans she profiled were invited. Her first book, *WWII Legacies: Stories of Northeast IN Veterans*, was released in 2014 and contains 28 stories.

1983

08 Heidi (Montague) Sloan has been chosen as the 2018 Iditarod Teacher on the Trail™. The dog sled race across Alaska every March has one teacher travel the route as a reporter-of-sorts for teachers around the world. Tasks include writing and posting photos and lesson plans on the education section of iditarod.com. She does not ride a sled, but is flown to the various checkpoints by bush plane. Heidi's goal is to let teachers see the value of incorporating this motivating race into their required curriculum. You can follow Heidi on iditarod.com, tab: Teacher on the Trail™.

1984

09 Lonni (Zenkert '74) Aucremann, Christy (McKinley '88) Kelly, and **Lisa Jones** showing off their Taylor colors at the Northside Christian graduation on May 26 in St. Petersburg, Fla. The three have taught at the school for a total of 85 years. Lonni has taught 4th and 5th grade at NCS for 32 years, Christy just finished 28 years teaching kindergarten, 4th and 6th grades, and Lisa has served 25 total years in the middle school, where she has taught social studies and Bible classes.

Sheri (Kocsis) Mergenthal just published her book, *It's All About the Journey*.

1992

10 Colonel Bradley Oliver took command of the 369th Recruiting Group at Lackland Air Force Base on May 2, 2017. Brad and his wife **Deborah (Rampona '93)**, along with their son Jonathan, will be relocating from Rhode Island's Naval War College in Newport to San Antonio, Texas. Brad's area of responsibility will be an 18-state region, and he looks forward to catching up with fellow alumni in his travels. They welcome guests in San Antonio, and can be reached at Ninerf15@yahoo.com or droliverniner@yahoo.com.

11 Andrew McNeil of Bose McKinney & Evans LLP has been inducted into the American College of Trial Lawyers. Andrew, a partner in the firm's Labor and Employment, Litigation, and Appellate Groups, was formally welcomed into the ACTL during a March 4 ceremony in Boca Raton, Fla. He and his wife **Laurie (Randall)** live in Brownsburg, Ind.

1993

12 Martin Beasley, Head Boy's Basketball Coach at Fort Wayne Carroll High School, was selected to coach the annual Indiana-Kentucky All-Star series in June of 2017. Coach Beasley just finished his 12th season at Carroll, and has posted a 177-107 record with four sectional titles and one regional championship. Marty was also named 2015 District 1 Coach of the Year and the 2009 Indiana Basketball Coaches Association Coach of the Year.

13 There was a mini Taylor Third East Olson reunion in Indianapolis last summer. Pictured left to right: **Janel (Gamez) Force, Marci (Sloat) Reschke, Tori Morr '92, Amy (Ireton) Rose,** and **Stacie (Shopp) Ballard.**

T.R. Knight was nominated for a 2017 ENnie award in the best blog category for a monthly blog he writes, *Cyclopaedia*. Two projects on which he worked as a freelance proofreader won ENnies: *Tales from the Loop* and *City of Mist*. He and his wife **Angela (Lyons '94)**, are also parents of two Taylor freshmen this fall: **Emily '21,** and **Rachel '21.**

1996

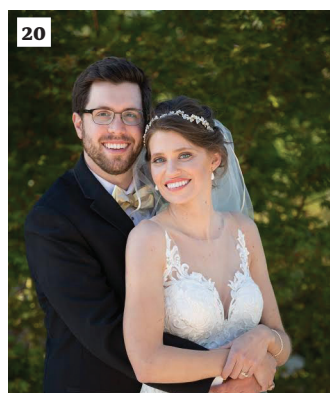
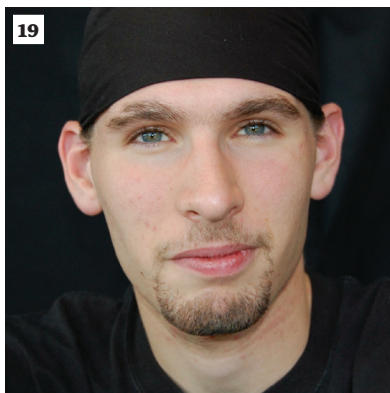
Pam (Wiersma) Arnold and her husband Glyn are excited to announce the birth of their son William Glyn Arnold on Valentine's Day 2017. He joins big sisters Katie (10) and Jenna (8). Pam is an at-home mom managing an adult foster care in their home. She runs international business ventures with her husband.

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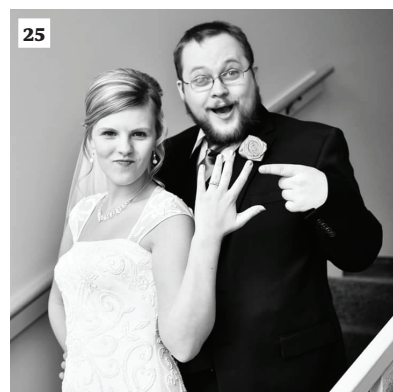
14 Jeremiah Lutter and his wife Trish just welcomed a new addition Grace (Gracie) Jamie-Ann Lutter into the world on January 23, 2017. Ezra is the proud big brother and Mercy is the big sister. They reside in Wisconsin.

15 Margaret Peterson works for Canine Companions for Independence and has been training assistance dogs for people with disabilities for the last four years as an apprentice instructor. On January 17, 2017, she achieved a lifelong dream by passing the test to become a certified ADI (Assistance Dogs International) Instructor. She looks forward to training dogs who will assist people for many years to come. Margaret lives in Santa Rosa, Calif., and can be reached by e-mail at mandmpeterson@hotmail.com.

16 Charlotte (Johnston) Harkness and her husband Eric announce the birth of their son Ezra Matthias. Ezra was born November 15, 2016.



TO MINISTER
CHRIST'S
REDEMPTIVE LOVE
AND TRUTH TO A
WORLD IN NEED



2001

Jamie Ostrander has accepted the Wealth Coach position at FirstWave Financial in Satellite Beach, Fla. With 15 years of experience in the field of finance and investment management, Jamie is eager to serve his clients.

2003

Jessica (Cook) Sinarski is excited to announce the publication of her first book, *Riley the Brave*. It is the story of a clever cub who had a tough start in life. He is on the adventure of a lifetime as his journey with some safe big critters unlocks his guarded heart in new ways. The supportive afterword provides helpful tools for “big critters” who are trying to understand early trauma and help the “cubs” in their lives. Join the adventure at www.facebook.com/RileytheBrave.

2006

17 Seth and Becca (Miller) Pietrini welcomed Trey Michael to their family on March 24, 2016. His adoption was finalized six months later. Trey joins siblings Hannah (5) and Evan (3). Seth currently works as the Internal Sales Director for Invesco PowerShares and Becca is a stay-at-home mom. The family resides in Lisle, Ill.

2007

18 Dr. Jenna N. Hanchey successfully completed her PhD in Communication Studies at the University of Texas-Austin in May 2017. She lives in Reno, Nevada, where she is a tenure-track Assistant Professor at the University of Nevada-Reno.

19 Kelsey Dixon has been working as an automation technician on the Cirque de Soleil show *Michael Jackson One* in Las Vegas for the past three years. Prior to that, he worked with Carnival Cruise Lines as a stage manager on several ships.

2011

20 Matthew Pfister and Kathryn Carlson were married on May 6, 2017, at the Oakhill Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Grand Rapids, Mich. Both majored in Environmental Science.

2012

Jack Davies graduated from the University Of Pennsylvania School Of Dental Medicine in May of 2017. He recently began his dental career as a Lieutenant Dentist in the United States Navy Dental Corps, serving the Marines on Parris Island, S.C.

Jeffrey Rozelle has started a new job with the International Rescue Committee in Afghanistan after spending some time working in Tanzania, Tajikistan, and Kyrgyzstan with Water Mission and Mercy Corps. Jeffrey runs the Monitoring and Evaluation Department. International Rescue Committee works with emergency assistance and humanitarian aid, with some smaller development projects in education, health, and livelihoods.

21 An informal reunion of Gerig Hall residents from the past decade was held at a campground near Michigan City, Ind. Attendees pictured left to right in the back row: Daniel Newton, **Evan Rotert '09**, **Elizabeth (Sneed '09) Rotert**, **Mark Wismer**, **David Ebert**, **Stephanie (Binion) Ebert**, **Victoria (Knight) Semple**, **Pete Semple '10**, **Erika (Meija '11) Thomas**, **Shane Breitzke**, **Ashley (Hoffman '10) Kane**, **Ryan Mann '11**, **Rachel Jonker '11**, **Naomi Grablowski '14**, **Jeremy Erickson '09**, **Abigail Hove**, **Rachel (Nolan '13) Perkins**, **David Perkins '14**, **Geff Chapel '14**, **Caleb Dinsmore '17**. Front Row, pictured left to right: **Luke Larson '10**, **Emily (Watkins) Newton**, **Guisselle Del Salto '10**, **Vanessa Johns '10**, **Jennie (Binion '10) Strycker**, **Bethany Gehman**, **Brittany (Hoffman '11) Breitzke**, **Hope Covington '13**, **Ashley Crutcher '13**, **Abi (Barber '13) Carter**, **Levi Carter '10**, **Elisa (Tanquist '16) Dinsmore**, **Andrea Mann**, and **Austin Støltzfus '14**.

22 Bedru and Amanda (Pierce '11) Hassen welcomed their firstborn, a baby girl named Keria Elizabeth, into their family on July 17, 2017. They reside in Indianapolis.

2013

23 Becca Chase and Will Unruh were married on July 17, 2016, in Colorado. The wedding party included other 2013 graduates, **Nandy Rajayanakam**, **Brittany Hibma**, **Alexis Warner**, and **Aaron Walters**. Will and Becca currently reside in Colorado Springs, Colo.

24 Bethany Rupp and her husband JJ welcomed their daughter Riley Marie into their family on July 16, 2015. They live in Archbold, Ohio.

2014

25 Tom Sargent married Maria Golubski on February 4, 2017, near Chicago. Taylor alumni in attendance included **Karsten Smith**, **Jonathan Wells '12**, **Ben Nelson '13**, **Karen (Wydra '12) Nelson**, **Tyler Theien**, **James Dolezal**, and **Ray DeGreeff '13**.



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IN MEMORIAM

Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." —Matthew 25:34

We remember these members of the Taylor community who have gone to be with the Lord.

1946

26 Arlouine E. (Hamann) Nelson went to be with the Lord on July 20, 2017. She was 92. After she graduated from Taylor, Arlouine earned a master's degree from Northern Illinois University and went on to a 38-year teaching career in the Chicago area. She sang in her church choir, enjoyed extensive travel with her family, and became an integral part of the community. She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, a teacher's organization, where she joined a small singing group called the Pedagogues which gave concerts in the Chicago area. She retired with her husband to Seminole, Fla., in 1984. Although she spent the last almost nine years in Dallas with her daughter, she claimed Florida as her beloved home. Arlouine always loved Taylor and is survived by her daughter Jean Fredriks, son **Jim (Susan) Nelson '74**, and grandchildren, Ryan (Kersti) Nelson, **Sara Nelson '08**, Tory (Molly) Nelson, and two great grandchildren.

1949

27 Robert Henthorn died May 26, 2017, in Lebanon, Ohio. He was 95. Robert served in the South Pacific during WWII and after graduating from Taylor went on to Boston University to receive his M.Div. He served local parishes in East Ohio, including Brilliant, Wellsville, and Mingo Junction, before spending 13 years in ministry with the Mill Men's Hostel, precursor to Steubenville's Urban Mission. After retiring from parish ministry at Boardman U.M.C., Bob relocated to Westerville, Ohio, where he shared

in ministry with the Greater Columbus Emmaus Community and taught the Wagner-Hursh Sunday school class at Church of the Master. After 20 years in Westerville, Bob 'fully' retired to Otterbein Home in Lebanon, Ohio. He is survived by his wife of nearly 69 years, **Gene (Gibbs) '47**, their three children, and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

1959

Larry Rex Harper, 80, passed away July 28, 2017. He was employed with Chrysler Corporation as a supervisor for 35 years until his retirement in 1994. Larry was a devoted Christian and member of Sycamore Friends Church in Greentown, Ind., where he participated in several lay witness missions. He was an avid golfer, a member of Meshingomesia Country Club in Marion, Ind., where he accumulated three holes in one. He will be remembered as a lifelong Chicago Cubs fan. Larry is survived by his wife Sue Ann, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

1968

Richard W. "Dick" Shaw, age 70, of Newark, Ohio, passed away October 20, 2016. He is survived by his wife, **Ann (Henton)**; sons, **Brian Shaw '96** and **Eric Shaw '00**; 13 grandchildren; a brother and sister.

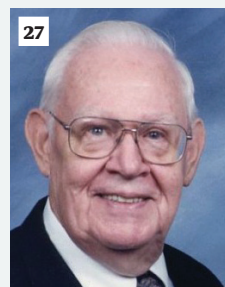
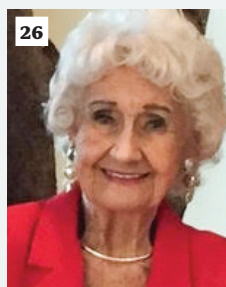
David Linn Ketner of Marietta, Ga., died January 20, 2017, at the age of 71 after a battle with cancer. As a career

salesperson, he lived throughout the country before settling in Marietta. He was an avid sports fan, and a loving husband, father, and grandfather. David had a contagious sense of humor and loved to make people smile. He is survived by his wife Claudia, his sons and their families, his grandchildren, and his sister.

Dr. Theodore H. Cryer, 69, of Waynesboro, Pa., died March 12, 2016, in the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center following a lengthy illness. Dr. Cryer had privileges as an ophthalmologist at the Waynesboro Hospital from 1977 until his retirement in 2009. He also served as an instructor at the University of Maryland Medical School from 1979 until 1991. He was a former member and trustee of Christ United Methodist Church, Waynesboro, where he also sang in the choir and served on the board of directors at Waynesboro Hospital. He formed the hospital Ethics Committee and served as its chair for many years, as well as Chair of the Surgical Department for a term. Dr. Cryer was a lover of political history and wine making. He is survived by his wife, eight children, 18 grandchildren, a brother, his mother-in-law, and several nieces and nephews.

1974

John (Jack) Keller Jr. passed away on February 28, 2017, surrounded by his family. Jack is survived by his wife Donna and his children.



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FINDING CALM in the STORM

These are complicated, frustrating, and confusing times, aren't they? Each day is filled with a seemingly unrelenting parade of horrible events, tragedies, discouragements and disappointments. Indeed, our television screens and computer monitors can be downright demoralizing if you allow them to be.

For the Christian, and indeed, for the Christian college, the context in which they exist in America has changed rapidly from one that was historically supportive and nourishing, to one that is now adversarial and condemnatory. The Christian and the Christian college in America find themselves increasingly under attack and challenged from every side with respect to their legitimacy and value. Today, derision and skepticism are more apt to describe the public's point of view regarding persons and institutions of faith—all seemingly in just a decade.

As a relatively new president, who is himself is a committed Christian and who leads one of America's finest Christian colleges, this changing environment presents significant challenges, not the least of which is to keep charging forward and to do so without becoming discouraged. After all, the world needs our particular, Christ-loving graduates, now more than ever.

But in times of relative chaos, like today, when every day brings with it outside threats to existence, financial difficulties, demands to take sides in political debates, deeply divisive societal struggles, and challenges to beliefs and convictions, it is important to maintain one's bearings. Fortunately, for Taylor, we have a long history of anchoring ourselves to the Rock That Cannot Be Moved, and the One who brings order out of chaos. So, for us, the way is clear.

I am reminded, daily, of the Matthew 14: 22-33 account of Jesus and Peter walking on the water. You will remember that the disciples had been sent ahead by Jesus. During their travel by boat they encountered headwinds and rough seas. At that time Jesus came to them, walking on the water. We all know the story of Peter, who responded to Christ's invitation to walk out on the water in faith to meet Jesus. Peter made easy progress until the moment he took his eyes off his Savior and diverted his focus to his own physical circumstance. As he began to sink, Jesus gently rebuked Peter by saying, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"

At times of challenge, it is easy to take our eyes off of the Creator of the Universe and to focus on our own predicaments. In so doing we complete a recipe for failure. Believing that, Taylor will remain firmly grounded in and anchored to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, despite the chaos that swirls around it. We, who strive to be His hands and feet here, will keep our gaze firmly affixed to Him, and will stand on the promise, "For God is not a God of confusion, but of peace."

There is little doubt that the wind and seas confronting Taylor today are like no other in its 171-year history. It is easy, therefore, to fret, to become discouraged and to worry about the future. But, my friends, we will not do so. Rather, following the Biblical narrative, we will keep our eyes on Jesus, maintain our faith in Him, and forge ahead—resolute, committed, and eagerly accomplishing His purposes for this wonderful place.



Paul Lowell Haines '75 EdD, JD, serves as President of Taylor University.

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Mark '86 and Janice (Walmsley '85) Tobias have supported the Taylor Scholarship Fund for 25 consecutive years.

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